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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, October 17, 1896. 846

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A. S. Sims, Esq.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 363

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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
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CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq.;
KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

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Hongkong, October 28, 1894. 1711

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THE business of the above Bank is con-
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For the Hongkong and Shanghai
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J. T. HAMILTON,
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Hongkong, January 16, 1897. 120

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Entertainments.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.
SCOTCH CONCERT.

A CONCERT in Commemoration of the Birth of ROBERT BURNS will be held in the St. George's Hall, City Hall, on MONDAY, 25th Jan., at 8.15 p.m.

In addition to those engaged in Part Songs, the following Ladies and Gentlemen will give their assistance—Mrs GORDON, Mrs VILLIERS, Misses GILCHRIST, GORE, and SIMAN.

With the kind permission of Colonel GORDON and Officers, the Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment, under Bandmaster HENTZEL, will play a Selection of Scotch Airs.

A Chorus of Male Voices will also take part.

ADMISSION, TWO DOLLARS.

Seats may now be booked at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s Piano and Music Rooms, Hongkong, January 13, 1897.

To-day's Advertisements.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., will preside at the PRIZE DISTRIBUTION at the above Government Institution TOMORROW (FRIDAY), January 22nd, at noon.

All interested in Education will be cordially welcomed.

GEO. H. BATSON WRIGHT, D.D.

Head Master.

Hongkong, January 21, 1897.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received Instructions from JAS CHRISTIE, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 28th January, 1897, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A FINE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS.

Comprising:—

VALUABLE SPECIMENS OF MING SANG DE TOUG, BLACK AND WHITE HAWTHORN, KANG, SHOU OLD SEAL AND JAR,

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Etc., Etc.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, on view from Friday, the 22nd January.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 19, 1897.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will LET by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 28th day of January, 1897, at 3 p.m., on the Spot:—

THE SEVERAL LOTS Numbered 1 to 19, on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneer's Rooms, for Execution of BOOTHS and MATCHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 21, 1897.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will LET by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 28th day of January, 1897, at 3 p.m., on the Spot:—

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Opeck* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hocknow & Kowloon Wharf & Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

The Consignee may be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 28th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th Instant, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1897.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports.....	Australian (s).....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 23, Daylight.
Australasian Ports & Ports of Call.....	Prinz Heinrich (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Feb. 2, at 9 a.m.
Bolvo.....	Kweiyang (s).....	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
Japan.....	Verona (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 29, at noon.
London, v. Ports of Call.....	Fornax (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 6.
London, v. Ports of Call.....	Strathaird (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
London, v. Suex Canal.....	Miyamatu (s).....	Sutherland & Swire	February 1.
London, v. Marseilles.....	Barocco (s).....	Shawin, Tones & Co.	Jan. 23, daylight.
Manila.....	Saint Lucia (s).....	Moore, Smith & Co.	Feb. 3, at 12 m.
New York, v. Suez Canal.....	Port Adelphi (s).....	Dowell, Cardill & Co.	About Jan. 25.
New York.....	Panope (s).....	Archbold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.....	China (s).....	Pacific Mail S. Co.	Jan. 26, at noon.
San Francisco.....	Malabar (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 4, at noon.
Shanghai.....	Ravena (s).....	McLachlan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.....	Sumatra (s).....	Shawin, Tones & Co.	About Jan. 23.
Singapore, v. Japan.....	Spore, Penang & C'nta (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 26.
Singapore, v. Japan.....	Spore, Hawe & H'burg Frigga (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 26, daylight.
Singapore, Amoy & T'f'oo Frigga (s).....	Swatow, Amoy & T'f'oo (s).....	Douglas Laprae & Co.	Jan. 22, daylight.
Singapore, Amoy & T'f'oo Frigga (s).....	Swatow, Amoy & T'f'oo (s).....	Douglas Laprae & Co.	Feb. 9, at noon.
Tacoma (Wash.).....	Braemer (s).....	Canadian P'tic R. Co.	Feb. 17, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.).....	Empress of India (s).....	Shawin, Tones & Co.	February 13.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Formosa leaves for Stow, &c.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 23.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Old Chinese Porcelain, Embroideries and Curios, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's.

TUESDAY, January 26.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Eastern Mack Lodge Goods for Steamer *Calcutta* unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.

Goods for *Medusa* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 28.—

3 p.m.—Letting of Lots for Matched, near the Base Course.

9 p.m.—Convocation of Victoria Chapter.

Goods for *Opal* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 29.—

Transfer Books of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., from this date to 9th February, (both days inclusive).

SATURDAY, January 30.—

Non-delivery of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, at the Company's Office, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central.

TUESDAY, February 0.—

Non-delivery of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings.

Mails.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Isaac Pitman*, with the *Emperor Meiji* of 2nd Dec., left Singapore on Sunday, the 17th Jan., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on about Saturday, the 23rd Jan. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 19th Nov.

The O. & O. s.s. *Edgar*, with the *AMERICAN MAIL* of Dec. 20th, left Yokohama on Tuesday, 10th Jan., at daylight, and may be expected here on about Thursday, the 26th Jan.

The O. & O. s.s. *Peru*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 7th Jan.

The O. & O. s.s. *Coptic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 16th Jan.

Steamers Expected.

The s.s. *Alturas*, from Portland, Or., and Victoria, B.C., left Yokohama for Hongkong on the 12th Jan.

The N. S. S. Co. chartered steamer *Macduff*, from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama on the 12th Jan.

The P. & O. s.s. *Brindisi* left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 15th Jan.

The O. S. S. Co. steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of 17th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd Jan.

The P. & O. s.s. *Calcutta* arrived at Port Darwin on the 15th Jan. for this port, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 20th Jan.

The C. M. Co. s.s. *Castor* left Singapore on the 15th Jan. for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 27th Jan.

The *Navigazione Gen. Ital.* a.s. *Espresso* left Bombay on the 8th of Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 25th Jan.

The C. M. Co. s.s. *Taishaku*, from Australia, arrived at Port Darwin on the 15th Jan. for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 25th Jan.

The C. M. Co. s.s. *Albion* left Singapore on the 8th Jan., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 25th.

F. G. Fogg, First Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 21, 1897.

Hongkong Register.

Previous day 4 p.m. On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.13 30.26 30.20

Temperature ... 69 63 68

Humidity ... 76 69 68

Direction of Wind ... E ESE WNW

Force ... 5 6 6

Weather ... 0 0 0

Wind Gusts ... 0 0 0

Highest open air temperature on the 28th ... 66

Lowest open air temperature on the 28th ... 56

F. G. Fogg, First Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 21, 1897.

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WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

The annual meeting of Shareholders in the West Point Building Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings to-day. Hon. C. P. Chater presided. The other gentlemen present were:—Hon. J. J. Bell Irving, Messrs C. S. Sharp, M. D. Ezekiel (Directors), Shelton Hooper (Secretary), G. H. Potts, Mr. C. Michaelson, T. I. Rose, N. N. Mody, J. N. Goosmann, P. Jordan, S. S. Benjamin, W. H. Ray, and M. S. Sasseon.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts which have been with you for some days will, I have no doubt been considered very satisfactory. The sum for the year amounted to \$12,153.42, as against \$6,132,714 in 1895. This has been brought about by the larger number of tenements which have been occupied since our last report, when the gross monthly rentals amounted to \$18,000, whereas to-day I am pleased to inform you that they amount to \$23,000, leaving only 23 floors vacant as against 87 vacant floors a year ago. Our net returns would have been still larger but for the heavy item of Insurance, the premium paid having increased from \$663.23 to \$1,625.25, and repairs to the property amount to \$1,197.20, this in a great measure being caused by the Sanitary Board regulations. On the other hand you will observe a reduction in interest paid on our mortgages of about 80 cents and I am pleased to be able to inform you that your Directors have made arrangements for the next further reduction of interest for the last two years. The property is in a good state of repair and your Directors hope that the dividend may now approach paying six, 50 cents as against 60 cents last year, will be deemed satisfactory and will not only be sustained but if the tenements continue to be as satisfactory as they have done during the past year we may look forward to pay a slightly increased one in the future. If any shareholder wishes any further information I shall be glad to answer any questions which may be put.

Mr. St. Michaelson said—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. There is nothing for me to add to the remarks that have fallen from the lips of the Chairman. I have no doubt the shareholders will be glad to notice an improvement in the accounts, and as we are led to understand the present year will be a still better one, I can only hope it will turn out so.

Mr. Potts proposed the re-election of Messrs M. D. Ezekiel and C. S. Sharp as Directors.

Mr. Rose seconded.

Mr. Mody proposed the re-election of Mr. F. Henderson as auditor.

Mr. Goosmann seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman.—The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. I thank you for your presence.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the Company's Offices. Hon. J. J. Bell Irving presided. The others present were:—Hon. C. P. Chater, Messrs M. D. Ezekiel, St. C. Michaelson, A. N. Siebs, D. R. Sasseon, and Lee Sing (Directors), J. N. Goosmann, N. J. Ede, T. I. Rose, G. H. Potts, P. Jordan, A. McClelland, C. S. Sharp, G. Murray, Mr. H. H. H. H. C. W. H. Ray, Mr. C. Wilcox, G. Cox, C. A. Tomas, D. Thompson, T. Arnold, R. K. and J. Y. V. Yenon.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman, having proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said:—Gentlemen, the Report and Accounts for the past year having been circulated, I propose to take them as read. Your Directors, in presenting the same, have pleasure in pointing out that, notwithstanding the lower rates of interest on Mortgages which have ruled during the period under review, and the increased burdens on property on account of the stringent regulations of the Government, we are able, in addition to paying the same Dividend as heretofore, to carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account the sum of \$88,500.49, and again \$45,867.62 transferred from 1895, a result which we hope will consider satisfactory. In increasing our Balance Sheet, as compared with that of the previous year, you will notice that the amount advanced on Mortgage is \$2,204,401.60, as against \$2,511,024.12, being more than three less, and consequently the amount of interest earned thereon has been very much smaller, and whilst mentioning this source of revenue I will draw your attention to a slight difference in the way that item is shown in the profit and loss account. Hitherto we have given only the net credit balance of interest account, but as some of our shareholders were, on a previous occasion, misled in thinking that the amount shown under interest was the gross return on our advances, that accounts have been drawn up in a way which now shows the interest paid as well as earned. The properties owned by the Company stand in the books at \$4,426,174.08 as against \$1,797,734.64, on the 31st December, 1895, showing that during the year, principally in the first half, we acquired a property partly to the value of over \$200,000, on which amount you will understand revenue was not derived for the whole period. Some of our purchases were in land in course of reclamation, and upon these it will necessarily be some time before we can obtain any return. Out of the total amount invested in property, I think it will interest you to know that nearly \$700,000 represents the value of our property in an undeveloped state and consequently yielding no return at the moment, but which, in the course of time, will materially assist in swelling our rental returns. A little more than half of the above sum represents value of land actually in course of reclamation, and which will take longer to develop than our other land; property to the value of over \$200,000 is at present being built upon, and will, we hope, be all in a fit state for occupation before another 18 months, and some of it will be ready.

Proprietary costing approximately \$60,000 is in course of development, and plans and details for laying out the same are in hand, so that, notwithstanding the circumstances detrimental to house property taken into account, your Directors have cast hope, in the course of time, of realising the powers of the Company being much improved. In drawing up any comparison between the amount standing at property account in the balance sheet and total account in profit and loss account on the 31st December last, I would ask you to bear in mind the figures I have given in connection with the Company's undeveloped properties, and the fact that most of the properties bought in 1895 were acquired during the latter months of the year. Turning to the debt side of the balance sheet account you will observe that

charges and other expenses show some slight increase, which must necessarily follow as the Company's interest in house property becomes larger. Repairs to house property is an item which shows a considerable increase, not only owing to the larger number of houses we own, but on account of works necessitated by the Government and Sanitary Board regulations, and the expenditure in this connection, which, strictly speaking, is more of the nature of improvement to property than repairs, had been wholly allotted as heretofore to profit and loss account.

Fire insurance premium has increased to a great extent on account of the new tariff, under which we are unable to secure the same advantages as formerly. In conclusion, gentlemen, I may state that each of our mortgagors and all the property we own is in a good state of repair, and, in the case of our developed properties, the returns they yield, except in two instances, are over 6 per cent. net. With regard to these exceptions our Directors do not think it necessary to make any provision for some, as the deficiency in the returns arises from purely local causes, we hope temporary circumstances. We trust that the course we have again pursued of carrying forward a large amount on our former occasions will meet with your approval, as your Directors deem it better than paying any increased dividend at present. Should my shareholders wish for any further information I shall be pleased to answer any questions which may be put.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Mr. A. McClelland said—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I am sure we have all listened with pleasure and satisfaction to the remarks just made by our Chairman. He has gone so fully into the figures of the report, and made it so abundantly clear that the value of this Company is not at all well, but carefully, and明白ly, and very briefly, so as to command upon. He has told us that we have acquired property principally during the latter half of the year to the value of over \$600,000, and, though this has gone partly to swell

Accounts Payable from \$42,681.63 in last account, to \$750,153.81 in the present one, and I would like to express the hope that the Board will keep their eye on this account, and not permit it to increase too much. We all know that the shares of the Land Company are much favoured by investors, and I think it would have a very bad effect on the stock if we made any proposal to the market for a fair dividend after paying such a fair dividend. It must be as great a satisfaction to the Directors to be able to state, as it is to the shareholders, to receive the statement, "that each of our Mortgagors show an entirely satisfactory margin, and in the case of our developed properties (with two exceptions) the yield is over 6%." I may here state, and do so often inquiry, that the Board, very wisely I think, do not increase the book cost of any of our properties developed or undeveloped by debiting them with one cent of interest. With these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Carried.

Mr. Ede proposed the re-election of Messrs M. D. Ezekiel and Lee Sing as Directors.

Mr. Rose seconded.

Mr. Mody proposed the re-election of Mr. F. Henderson as auditor.

Carried.

The Chairman.—The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. I thank you for your presence.

LECTURE ON CHARLES DICKENS.

SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON'S ESTIMATE OF THE NOVELIST.

Last night, H. E. Sir William Robinson opened the session of the Old Volnay Society with a lecture on "Charles Dickens"; his life, works, style, character, and the lessons that should be learnt from them. The lecture was delivered in the Drawing-Room at Government House, and there were upwards of one hundred and fifty persons present.

Sir John Carrington presided, and in a few preliminary remarks said: I suppose some of us can remember that during his life and for some years afterwards, the works of Charles Dickens had an extraordinary vogue. I will not now touch on the causes, conditions, or consequences of that vogue, because these are topics the lecturer will touch upon, but there is no doubt it existed; and no doubt that the state of things has changed, and the vogue has to some extent passed away. Now, we of the older generation need a little recalling to our former allegiance to Charles Dickens. We do not, I think, read his works quite as much as we used to do and ought to do, and to that extent have fallen away from grace.

I trust His Excellency's lecture will bring us back to grace. The younger generation are all sensible of the pains and trouble His Excellency has taken to prepare this full and elaborate lecture on so large a subject. Those of us who know and love Dickens must have derived great pleasure in going over his life and hearing His Excellency's comments on his works and interested and amused by the extracts read by His Excellency. I beg you one more by your applause to show that you deeply appreciate His Excellency's lecture (ap-

plause).

The three games that I publish this week are taken from *Chess Sports*, an unpretending but charming collection of four hundred of the briefest and brightest games played by recognized Masters during the last hundred and fifty years. No. 71, played in Minneapolis three years ago, is anonymous, and in some respects is the most startling of the group, but every one has its special point of interest. These are games at odds and illustrate the great care required by an odds receiver lest the black space in his opponent's ranks should become a point of sortie.

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Game No. 69.

REMOVE BLACK'S K. PAWN.

White (—) Black (J. Minchin.)

1. P-K 4	P-Q 3
2. P-Q 4	Kt-B 3
3. B-Q 3	P-K 4
4. P x P	P x P
5. Kt-K 2	B-Q 4
6. B-K 5	B x P ch
7. K x B	Kt-B 5 ch
8. Q-K 2	Q x B
9. P-K 3	Kt-K 6
10. P-K 4	Castles
11. Kt-K 5	Kt-K 5
12. Kt-Q 5	T to K 7 ch
13. Q x Kt	Q-B 8 mate.

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Game No. 70.

Played in London about 1874.

White gives the Queen's Knight.

EVANS GAMBIT.

White (Zukertort) Black (—)

1. P-K 4	P-K 4
2. Kt-B 3	Kt-B 3
3. B-R 3	R-B 4
4. P-Q Kt 4	B x P
5. P-B 3	B-B 4
6. Castles	P-Q 3
7. P-Q 4	B-K 3
8. P x P	Kt-B 3
9. Kt-B 5	P x P
10. P-K 5	B-P (q)
11. Q-K 3	Q-Q 2
12. Q-R 4	Kt-B 4
13. Q-R 5	Kt-B 4
14. Kt-B 7	Kt-Q 5
15. K x P ch	K-Q 5
16. B-Q 7 ch	K-B 5
17. Kt-B 6 ch	K-K 5
18. R-Q 8 mate.	

(a) Mr. Zukertort notes that this is one of the rare cases where a move, correct in an even game, becomes unsound when receding odds.

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Game No. 71.

MIZIO GAMBIT.

White (—) Black (—)

1. P-K 4	P-K 4
2. P-B 4	P x P
3. Kt-B 3	P-Kt 4
4. B-B 4	Kt-B 5
5. B x P	Kx B
6. Kt-B 5 ch	K-K 3
7. Q x P ch	K x R
8. P-Q 4 ch	K-Q 1
9. P-Q Kt 4	B x P ch
10. P-B 3 ch	B x P
11. Kt-B 2 ch	K x R
12. P-K 2 ch	K x B
13. Q-K 2 ch	K-B 2
14. K-B 2 ch	

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THE LIGHT DUES QUESTION.

PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR.

The following petition, signed by all the agents and owners of the leading shipping lines, was presented to H. E. the Governor on the Light Dues Question:

Hongkong, 24th December 1896.

His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong.

May it Please Your Excellency, We, the undersigned Agents and Representatives of Companies and Firms owning steamers trading to and in the Far East, have the honour to address you, in the names and on behalf of our principals, on the subject of the Light Dues now levied and proposed to be levied on vessels entering the Port of Hongkong, with special reference to the correspondence recently published between your Excellency's Government and the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Members of your Council, concerning the Gap Rock Light Dues.

We understand that your Excellency is prepared to give effect to the proposals made by your Government, the extra cost of the Gap Rock Light Dues were first voted and to abolish them entirely fall on steamers and ships frequenting the Port and ships which would otherwise call and necessarily spend money here, by perceptibly increasing their expenses, at a time when every expenditure has to be most minutely considered and weighed. The shipping has already paid more than all the money expended on the Lighthouses and is willing to continue to pay for their proper maintenance.

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3. We beg, in the first place, to bring to your Excellency's notice that by Sir Henry Pottinger's Proclamation of the 16th February, 1832, Hongkong was declared a Free Port, and no manner of customs, port dues or any other charges were to be levied on any ships or vessels of whatever nation or sailing under whatever flag that may enter or leave the port.

If she does not call them her expatriates and that they are entirely lost to the residents, and a permanent injury done to the trade of the Colony.

7. We respectfully protest against this deliberate taxation of shipping frequenting the Port for the benefit of the General Revenue of the Colony. It is entirely opposed to the idea of a Free Port. It is an additional burden on no corresponding advantage whatever upon an already heavily burdened interest. Its tendency is to drive away from the port and to injure the merchant concerned must give notice to the Customs of the interior and qualities of the goods, and may decide the steamer to avoid the port.

8. We have the honour to request that your Excellency will, before carrying into effect the recommendation of the majority of the Unofficial Members of Council, tendered to your Excellency without delay, to the port of Hongkong, to supply the deficiency caused by the abandonment of the special charges in respect of that port.

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

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Price.
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Butcher Meat.

肉食

Bacon, English,	lb.	—	來路豬肉		
" Ame. Sugar cured,	350	—	花旗烟猪肉		
" Foochow,	250	—	福州烟猪肉		
" Japan, cured,	—	—	日本煙猪肉		
Bœf, sirloin & prime cut, catty	140	—	尾龍扒		
" Corned,	catty	140	鹹牛肉		
" Roast,	—	140	燒牛肉		
" Soup,	—	100	湯肉		
" Steak,	—	140	牛肉起		
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	牛腦		
" Tongue fresh, each	—	—	牛舌		
" " corned "	350	—	牛頭		
" Head,	—	600	牛心		
" Heart,	—	150	牛肩		
" Hump, Salt	catty	140	牛腰		
" Foot,	each	60	牛肚		
" Kidneys,	—	50	牛肺		
" Tail,	—	100	牛肝		
" Liver,	catty	70	牛膽		
" Tripe (undressed)	catty	60	牛胰		
Calves Head and Foot, set	500	—	牛仔頭脚		
Rams, American,	lb.	350	花旗火腿		
" Chinese,	—	—	金華火腿		
" English, New,	420	—	來路火腿		
" Japan, cured,	—	—	日本火腿		
" Shanghai,	190	—	上海火腿		
Mutton Chop,	—	150	羊排		
" Leg,	—	150	羊手		
" Shoulder,	—	120	羊腰		
Pigs' Chilidog,	catty	70	60	猪腰	
" Foot,	—	110	猪腿		
" Fry,	—	160	猪頭		
" Head,	each	500	400	猪心	
" Heart,	—	50	40	猪心	
" Kidneys,	pairs	—	猪腰		
" Liver,	lb.	160	猪肝		
Pork, Chop,	catty	180	猪排		
" Corned,	—	100	猪油		
" Leg,	—	140	猪油		
" Fat or Lard,	—	140	猪油		
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	360	—	羊心		
" Heart,	each	50	40	羊腰	
" Kidneys,	—	70	—	羊腎	
" Liver,	—	15	160	140	生油
Sucking Pigs,	—	each \$1.75	\$1.25	牛仔骨	
Steak, Beef,	lb.	110	—	牛仔骨	
" Mutton,	—	100	—	牛仔骨	
Veal,	catty	130	—	牛仔骨	

Poultry.

生口

Chicken,	catty	200	—	雞仔
Capons,	—	240	—	鷄
Ducks,	—	180	—	鴨
Doves,	—	—	—	鳩
Eggs, Hen	doz.	110	—	蛋
" Duck,	—	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls,	catty	170	—	鷄
Geese,	—	180	—	鵝
Hares,	each	450	—	兔
Musk Deer,	—	\$3.00	—	麝香
Partridges,	—	350	—	雉
Pigeons,	—	170	—	鴿
Pheasant,	brace \$1.00	—	—	雉
Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—	雀
Quail,	each	100	—	雀
Salps,	—	180	—	沙鮀
Turkeys, Cock,	catty	550	—	火腿公
" Hen,	—	400	—	火腿母
Teal,	—	200	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair	9.0	—	上海水鴨

Fish.

海鮮

Barbel,	catty	180	—	鮑魚
Bream,	—	60	—	鯉魚
Bombay Duck,	100 pieces	250	—	孟加拉魚
O'Connor Fresh Water Fish, catty	—	—	河魚	
Carp,	—	90	—	鯉魚
Gatfish,	—	—	鰐魚	
Codfish, Salt,	—	—	鰈魚	
Crabs,	—	160	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	—	100	—	墨魚
Dab,	—	80	—	沙丁魚
Dace,	—	80	—	黃魚
Dog Fish,	—	—	鮫魚	
Eels, Conger,	—	—	鰻魚	
" Fresh water,	—	200	—	海鰻
Eels, Yellow,	—	—	淡水鰻	
Tile Fish,	—	200	—	鰻魚
Fresh Fish,	—	80	—	鰻魚
Garoupa,	—	350	—	石斑魚
Gudgeon,	—	90	—	白姑魚
Gurnard,	—	80	—	紅姑魚
Herrings,	—	100	—	紅姑魚
" Smoked	box	—	—	鮭魚
Haddock,	catty	90	—	鮭魚
Lobster,	—	110	—	鮋魚
Mackerel,	—	—	鮪魚	
Monk Fish,	—	—	老鰐魚	
Mullet,	—	180	—	鮸魚
Oysters,	—	160	—	生蠔
Prawns,	—	160	—	蝦子

Porches,	catty	100	—	花枝
Pike,	—	300	—	鱧魚
Pineapple,	—	300	—	鳳梨
Pomfret, White	—	180	—	白鰆
Pomfret, Black	—	120	—	黑鰆
Prawns,	—	220	—	明蝦
Ray,	—	50	—	鰻魚
Rock Fish,	—	80	—	石狗公
Roach,	—	—	鱊魚	
Salmon, (Canton),	—	250	—	馬友魚
Shark,	—	50	—	鯊魚
Salmon, (Tenten),	—	100	—	鮭魚
Skate,	—	50	—	鰻魚
Shrimps,	—	220	—	蝦
Snapper,	—	160	—	立魚
Sole,	—	160	—	鰻魚
Turbot,	—	100	—	鰻魚
Turtles, small, freshwater,	—	200	—	鱉魚
Whiting,	catty	—	—	長魚
White Bait,	—	—	鰻仔仔	

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.	BOARD OF OFFICERS.
Officers for the current year were elected as follows:—	
President: J. G. Kerr, M.D., LL.D.	Senior Vice-President: Rev. John Chalmers, M.A., LL.D.
Vice-Presidents: Rev. R. H. Grimes, M.D., D.D.; Hon. Chas. Seymour, U.S. Consul; Byron Beaman, Esq.; C. M. G. H. M. Gould; Dr. Knappa, Consul for Germany; G. D. French, Esq.; F. W. Walker, M.D.; Hon. J. J. Knowick; Robert Slown, Esq.; Thomas Jackson, Esq.; Rev. H. C. Henry, D.D.; A. P. Hamper, Esq., and F. F. Smith, Esq.	Constituted by Dr. Alfred Legge, D.D., LL.D., and Theo. Sampson, Esq. In U.S.—T. B. Cunningham, Esq.
Secretary: E. A. Stanton.	Treasurer: E. W. Thwing.
Auditor: The Commissioner of Customs.	Managing Committee: J. G. Kerr, Esq., M.D.; Rev. E. Z. Simmons, Fritz A. Brockleman, Esq.; James Wallace, Esq., and Rev. W. Bridle.
The notice calling the meeting was read. The President then called on Rev. Dr. Harry to open the meeting with prayer.	The minutes of the last annual meeting were then presented, the printed report read and adopted. The treasurer's account and hospital account were presented and approved.
The Annual Report of the Hospital was then presented, and the following Abstract was read:	The work of the hospitals and dispensaries under the patronage of the Society has continued as usual during the year.
The following Summary of the Work gives a condensed view of what is done in the hospitals and dispensaries.	There has been an increased attendance of out-patients at the hospital and at some of the dispensaries and an increased number of surgical operations have been performed, and the number of visits to patients at their houses is greater than in any former year.
The instruction of the Medical class has been continued as usual.	The work of the hospitals and dispensaries under the patronage of the Society has continued as usual during the year.
The following Summary of the Work gives a condensed view of what is done in the hospitals and dispensaries.	That we express our high appreciation of the services he has rendered the Society in securing subscriptions from Chinese Officials and others, and his generous interest and helpfulness on all occasions. That we tender our deepest sympathy to Mr Seymour and Mrs Seymour in the severe affliction through which they are passing, and—
That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary to Mr Seymour and family.	That the instruction of the Medical class has been continued as usual.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned.	That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary to Mr Seymour and family.
J. G. KERR, Chairman. E. W. THWING, Secretary.	W. H. THWING, Secretary.

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR 1896.	AN ARMSTRONG ESTABLISHMENT FOR JAPAN.
PLACE.	OUTPATIENTS. INPATIENTS. SURGICAL OPERATIONS. VISITS AT HOMES. PATIENTS SENT TO HOSPITAL.
	Men 21633 1286 1142 45 Women 5558 418 720 508 150
Canton Hospital	Total 23191 1704 1862 —
Sz-pai-lu Dispensary, Dr Bliss (Women) 4295 15th Street & Faï Dispersaries, Dr Fulton (Woman) 3495 Honan Dispensary, Dr Halverston & Bigler (Woman) 13155 Lion-chow Dispensary, Dr Macmillan (Woman) 6039 Sam-kong hospital and Dispensary, Dr Nicholls (Man) 1093 Sam-kong hospital and Dispensary, Dr Nicholls (Woman) 1500 Sham-ping Dispensary, Dr Macmillan (Woman) 1120 Pumelo, (Slam), catty 70 Peaches, (Sweet), catty 100 Raisins, Muscat, — Water Chestnuts, com. — Walnut, —	291 — 223 — 970 155 — 1315 4998 150 120 137 500 1

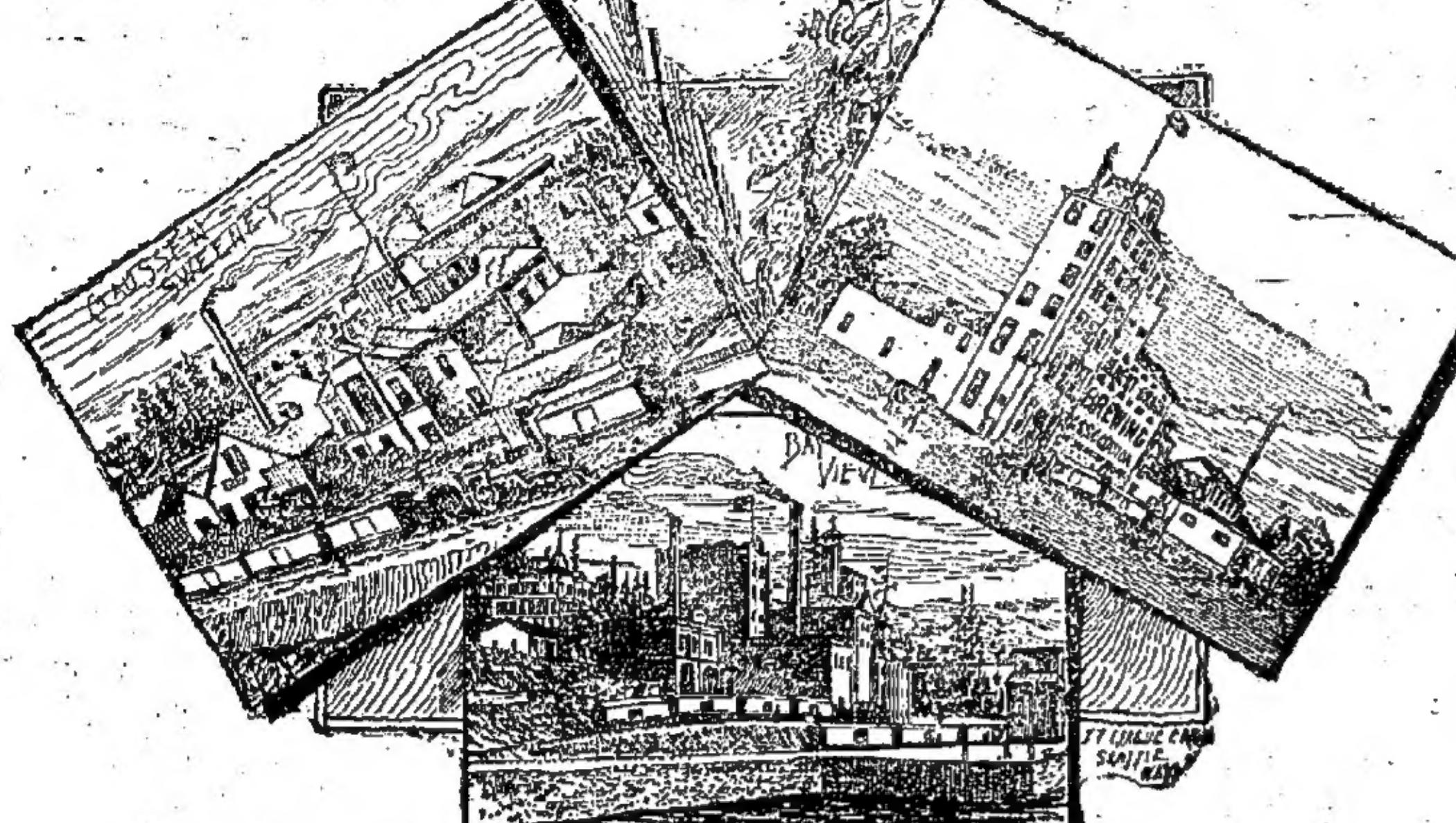
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